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The Byrd expedition to the Antarctic has returned to the States.... the reporters assigned to it have also come back full of stories packed with excitement and suspense. So they are going to give some off-the-record short sketches of what went on.

FRED SPARKS, OPC MEMBER, LOOK MAGAZINE
AL BLAKESLEE, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
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LEE VAN ATTA, INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE

Questions on the many aspects of the South Pole will be in order. This luncheon will be informal and of the same type as that of the Bikini atomic bomb talks.

Drop into the Clubrooms anytime..... Host members are there from five till ten P.M. every evening..... Bring in your books for the Club Library.

H. J. Timperley, who recently returned from an assignment in China, has been appointed chief of the research section, Dept. of Public Information, United Nations.

Thanks to some of our good members, the shelves of the club are filling up with valuable books. Sigrid Schultz, Albert Stevens Crockett, John Goette, Thurston Macauley, Kenneth Giniger, Stuart Murray, Charles Morrow Wilson and others. Ted Thackrey, at his own expense, is sending us the New York Post and Victor Weybright of Penguin Books has put us on his mailing list as has Victor Knauth of Omnibook magazine.

Lowell Thomas is back from the coast where he had been broadcasting his usual program.

Leo Margolin has become national director of the Citizens Committee for Displaced Persons. This Committee is a political organization trying to bring 400,000 D. P.'s into this country in the next four years.

Jack Le Vien, news editor of Pathé news, was seen beaming last week--- his wife and small daughter returned from a visit to relatives in Algiers and France.

Ray Joseph, off soon on another Latin American trek, hit the jackpot this month with a series of lead pieces in national mags. His "Siesta's Over" on Mexico has already been reported in This Week magazine. Current TOMORROW carries his Mexican political report and the Atlantic Monthly, has one of Ray's pieces about beaches in South America. May Issue of Forty Seven will carry his "Continent At the Crossroads", an exposé of Peron's activities gleaned during Joseph's five year sojourn for Variety in South America.

We have noted and it is unnecessary to tell OPC members that it was done without our knowledge --- that the speech of Robert R. Young at our annual banquet was subsequently printed in pamphlet form --- with a note on the last page that extra copies could be obtained by sending ten cents for handling charges to the Overseas Press Club and that proceeds would go to the Correspondents Fund. Unfortunately this pamphlet must have been mailed by the C. and O. Lines to many editors throughout the country.

Mary Knight authors an article in the China Monthly for April entitled "Mme. Sun's Famous Statement" in which Mary writes that Madame Sen has attempted to take advantage of her own and her husband's prestige in America to gain wider circulation for the Communist partyline.

Al Rohde, returned from the Caribbean manoeuvres of the Navy, has given to the new club rooms, the Jap flag which the Marines took on Okinawa.

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Fred Abbott, chairman of the Admissions Committee, announces the names of the following:

Russel Hill, New York Herald Tribune editorial staff. Hill has been a war correspondent from 1939 till the end of 1946. He covered the war in North Africa, Italy, Egypt, the Balkans, France with the first army and then Berlin.

David B. Richardson, Time Magazine. Southwest Pacific (Yank Magazine Combat correspondent) Sept. 1942 to Oct. 1943; India-Burma, Jan. 1944 to July 1945 then India for Time Magazine Nov. 1945 to Dec. 1946.

Robert S. Strother, Manager of the Time Overseas Editions. Palestine 1936 for AP; England 1937 for AP; Stars and Stripes in Middle East, 1943; Yank correspondent in Italy, 1944-46 and India for Time Magazine in 1946.

Joseph J. Wurzel, The Associated Press, Pacific and Atlantic Photos (New York Daily News Picture Syndicate); London Aug. 1926 to April 1931; AP in London April 1931 to Sept. 1945.

OPC members attending the reception to the first Indian Ambassador to the U. S. at the Commodore on April 15, included Margaret Bourke White, Andrew Freeman, Sidney Hertzberg, John Daly and Hester Hensell.

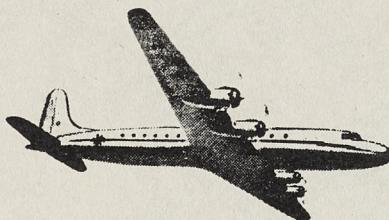
Dick Hottelet, correspondent of CBS in Moscow, who has been reporting from Germany, has returned to the States.

Wright Bryan, editor of the Atlanta Journal, was visiting in New York last week and said hello to some colleagues in the club.

Henry Gellerman hit the pages of Tide Magazine last week when he was described as one of Wall Street's most energetic public relations counsel. He recently put J. S. Bache & Co. on the map with a "Now Is The Time" program --- meaning "We will buy stocks during the next days because now is the time to accumulate stocks." This long stick prodded some Wall street bears out in the open --- with an optimistic note about our future.

Hosts of the club for the week of April 14, were Stanley Ross, Al Newman, Leo Branham (who also got us a little sign reading "KICK IN TO THE JOY JUICE FUND"), Adele Nathan, Egbert White. Many members have dropped in -- for a look-see or a couple of hour's gabfest as the case might be.

Our recent pin-up girl is Lt. Irene Taylor who appears in "The Forgotten Casualty" co-starring with Frederic March --- watch closely or you'll miss her.



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Clare Boothe Luce tells of how a black hour in a hotel room finally led her to the Catholic faith in a story entitled "The Real Reason", which she has written for McCall's during the last months. Gretta Palmer, in this connection, said recently that columnists were really helpful as one of them announced some time ago that she had also become a Catholic. It saved a lot of trouble and explanation.

On April 15, 1947, David Page, deputy administrator of the Veterans Administration in New York, presented to New York University, the check for \$2,619,044 to cover the fees and tuition of 19,000 veterans attending the university.

For the last luncheon at the Hotel Elysee, the Elysian Room was jammed to the doors with about 150 OPC members and their fifty guests to hear Bill Shirer and Ed Murrow on Freedom of the News. Bruno Shaw announced that Shirer had received the Peabody award for the best broadcasting. Members glimpsed here and there were Nat Barrows of the Chicago Daily News, John Beaufort of the Christian Science Monitor, Cecil Brown, Larry Haas of CBS, Bill Brooks of NBC, Richard De Rochemont producer of March of Time, David Richardson of Time Magazine, Hal Boyle of AP, Bill Downs and Dick Hottelot of CBS, George Kent and Fred Sondern of Reader's Digest, Marion Sanford of the Woman's Home Companion, Bart Underhill of the State Department, Simon Koster and Bernard Musnick of the Foreign Press Association, Norbert Lyons, Casey Hirshfield, Bee Mathieu of the New Yorker, Bill Carney of the N. Y. Times, ad infinitum to more than 200; Bob Reynolds of RCA television whose guests were Ed Barrett of the BBC and Ed Harper of RCA television was also present.

Mary Hamilton, head of the American division of the British Information Service, spoke briefly about the services her efficient office offers to American journalists visiting Great Britain, and Bill Chaplin says that it is tops, offering everything from a good hotel to an interview with officials.

Bill Shirer led off by saying that he would tell the history of the "affaire Shirer" as a case in point of Freedom of the news and proceeded to tell the story of his being informed by the sponsor that they wished a change of program and the subsequent developments. He quoted H. V. Kaltenborn as saying that "a commentator without opinion is like a glass without water (or something similar)". The atmosphere was tense as everyone thought that the issue would not be taken up right away. Ed Murrow, Vice president of CBS, met the challenge. He said that broadcasting companies had become cognizant of the fact that they were in the same position as publishers and that a publisher usually has the right to swing reporters from place to place where the news was and where opinions could be formed.



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